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Annual Report by Thomas O. Garland, M.A., M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.

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Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

As instructed in Ministry of Health circular 2067 this report is confined to essential matters only. Full records will be preserved for a report on the whole war period at a later date.

I am,
Your obedient servant,

THOMAS O. GARLAND
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A Vital Statistics

Births 51 Deaths 50

Causes of Death As is usual the highest number of deaths was from Heart Disease and other circulatory diseases. There were only 3 deaths from Cancer, a much lower figure than usual. Among other causes of death there was 1 suicide and 1 from other violence. There were only 2 deaths of infants under one year and no maternal deaths.

SECTION B General Provision of Health Services

Laboratory Facilities There is now a branch of the Emergency Public Health Laboratory at the Isolation Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester, under Dr. Knox.

Other facilities for nursing, ambulances, treatment at clinics and hospitals remain unaltered.

SECTIONS C & E Sanitary Circumstances of the Area and Inspection of Food -

Report by John Miles, Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

Water and Sewerage The water supply was sufficient throughout the year and all samples examined were satisfactory.

The sewerage system and the sewage disposal works have both continued in satisfactory order. Approximately 70 yards of 9" diameter sewer were laid on the Westfield Place Housing Estate.

Sanitary Inspection of Area A total of 468 inspections were made during the year and all nuisances detected were satisfactorily abated without statutory proceedings having to be taken.

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Slaughterhouses Regular inspections of slaughterhouses were made during the year.

Milk Supply Of the 96 milk samples taken during the year, 73 were found good, 17 bad and 6 moderate when submitted to the Methylene Blue Test. Regular inspections of the cowsheds and dairies were carried out.

SECTION D Housing

Nine houses were included in Clearance Areas which were confirmed after a Public Inquiry. Six houses were completed at Westfield Place Housing Estate to re-house the families so displaced. The actual demolition of the nine houses referred to has not yet been effected.

SECTION F Infectious Diseases

Since October 23rd, 1939, measles and whooping cough have been added to the list of infectious diseases that must be notified.

There was only 1 case of notifiable disease, excluding tuberculosis, during 1939, a case of puerperal pyrexia which was nursed at home.

Tuberculosis During 1939 1 male case of pulmonary tuberculosis and 1 female case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified. There were 2 deaths, one male from pulmonary tuberculosis and one male from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

The following figures show the number of cases on the register at the end of 1939:-

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary tuberculosis	8	12	20
Non-pulmonary tuberculosis	2	6	8
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RECEPTION OF EVACUEES

In September the area received 714 evacuees from London, 539 mothers and infants and 175 school children and teachers.

A doctor attended the infant welfare centre an extra day per month for the mothers and there was a minor ailment clinic run one morning per week for the school children.

By the end of the year 462 mothers and infants had returned but 124 school children and teachers still remained.

There were a number of problems associated with these children such as vermin infestation, bedwetting and behaviour abnormality, but nothing in the nature of an epidemic.